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AE3 Chris Panganiban



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Panganiban tests the tailhook transition light on one of the "Black Knights" aircraft. If the light is not working properly, it could give the pilot the wrong indication about the tailhook's position. Panganiban relies on other work centers to assist in fixing the problem.



Panganiban and AE3 David Schmidt take a tool inventory after completing a job in the hangar bay.

The largest attack against the United States on American soil inspired many to do things they may not have considered before.

"I joined because of (Sept. 11)," said AE3 Chris Panganiban, a member of VFA-154, the Black Knights. "I was working in a paper-pusher job at the time and really wanted to work a job that was hands-on. The Navy offered it to me."

According to AE1(AW) James White, Panganiban's LPO, the choice was a benefit to the Navy.

"She is an outstanding worker -- on top of things. Self motivated, never complains and a hard charger," said White. "She sets the example for the work center."

In her off time, Panganiban studies for EAWS, which she is trying to qualify for this deployment, and works on rate-specific qualifications.

Panganiban said that sea duty is a great opportunity to see the world, but looks forward to returning home.

"I look forward to returning to California, so I can spend time with my family," said Panganiban. "I enjoy having time to play with my dog Robbie and doing home improvements."

Panganiban said she attributes her success in the Black Knights to the help she received from her work center.



AE3 Chris Panganiban, assigned to VFA-154, the "Black Knights," has been with the squadron only four months, and has already completed numerous qualifications including Final Checker, and is on her way to achieving Collateral Duty Inspector (CDI).

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